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FROM RICHMOND.

The Washington Chronicle of this morning publishes extracts from the Richmond Inquirer of the 20th, from which we take the following:

From General Lee's Army.

The following official dispatch concerning Wednesday's operations was received yesterday morning:

SPORTSVANIA C. H. May, 18, 7 P. M.,
via Milford, May 19, 1864.

Hon. J. A. Seddon, Secretary of War:

The enemy opened his batteries on a portion of Ewell's line, and attempted an assault, but failed. He was easily repulsed. Subsequently he cannonaded a portion of Hill's lines under Early. The casualties on our side are very few.

R. E. LEE.

We learn from passengers down from Milford yesterday that the enemy made a raid upon the Fredericksburg Railroad Wednesday night and destroyed Guiney's Station. We had nothing there, and no troops except a few pickets in the immediate vicinity. The station is not within our lines, nor would it be of service to the enemy. The raid was merely a gay little diversion, which did no harm to anybody but the railroad company, and very little to it. All was quiet there on yesterday morning. De-erters say that Grant has lost ninety thousand of his best men, and that they cannot be replaced. The woods and country in the rear of his army, and north of the Rappahannock, are said to be populous with Yankee deserters and stragglers, who are trying to get into the Confederate lines or back to their homes.

The following graceful acknowledgment has been issued by Gen. Lee:

HEADQ'S ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA,
On Battle-Field, May 13, 1864.

Maj Gen. C. M. Wilcox, Com'dg. Division:

GENERAL: General Lee directs me to acknowledge the receipt of the flags captured by Lane's brigade in its gallant charge of yesterday, and to say that they will be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of War, with the accompanying note, and the names of the brave captors. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. S. VENABLE, A. D. C.

The names of the captors are: First Lieut. J. M. Grimsby, company K, 37th North Carolina troops, who brought off the colors of the 17th Michigan; Second Lieut. O. A. Wiggins, company E, 37th North Carolina troops, who brought off those of the 51st Pennsylvania; Private J. H. Wheeler, company E, 18th North Carolina troops, who brought off those of the battery of artillery.

Accounts concerning the repulse of the Yankees on Wednesday describe it just as General Lee laconically terms it, "easy," perhaps the easiest defeat of the war. The Yankees refused to rally, and, notwithstanding their officers swore all sorts of oaths, they persisted in running. Grant, it is said, has endeavored to bring fresh troops into the field every day. His whole army has withstood the ordeal, and, having been whipped, it is not surprising that they know it, and manifest, in consequence, an indisposition to be whipped again.

The Advance on Richmond.

Grant still presses, still assaults, still struggles for the prize. So far he has, at least,

done no worse than his predecessors; indeed, he has done more than any of them. Lincoln's remark that "any other commander the Army of the Potomac has had would have recrossed the Rapidan after the first day's reception," was true, and the future will show whether more real generalship would have been exhibited by General Grant had he followed the example McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, and Meade. But Grant has advanced; he is several miles nearer Richmond than when he delivered his first battle on the Rapidan. General Lee claims merely to have repelled the enemy in every assault, but with very great slaughter to the enemy. Grant fights and is repulsed; his direct advance effectually checked, he moves off on a line not disputed, and because he is a few miles nearer Richmond he claims the victory.

The advance of Grant is the main, but not the only attack upon Richmond. Butler, with a vast armada, ascends James river, and, landing at Bermuda Hundred, cuts the railroad and proceeds to invest the city on the south side. General Beauregard is called up from Charleston, and having collected the army destined for the immediate defence of the city, on Monday last broke up the investment, drove off the investing army, and now holds them cowering within their own fortifications and under the protection of their gunboats. The various raids that were auxiliary to the main attacks have all been expended, and the damages done have been repaired.

Such is the aspect of military affairs. Under the blessing of Providence, the skill of our generals, and the valor and endurance of our soldiers, this great and long threatened advance has been checked, and if not defeated, so materially broken that the assaults of the enemy are easily repulsed. The country must find much in this aspect of affairs for gratitude to God and for thankful affection to the army. But, however promising and favorable may be the present, the end is not yet; our deliverance has not been secured; our liberties are yet to be won. Much has been nobly done, but much more remains to be accomplished.

Notwithstanding the success that has attended Gens. Lee and Beauregard, blunders have taken place elsewhere, upon which, at present we shall not comment, but to which at a future time, we may recur. Let us all now seek to aid the cause to the uttermost. Forgetting, if possible, the errors of some, let us all endeavor, notwithstanding the incubus that sometimes paralyzes our arms, to do all in our power for the cause.

The New Orleans correspondent of New York Tribune writes:—"Texas is being evacuated by our troops, and a considerable number of distinguished officers have arrived in this city among whom are Major General Heron and Col. Jack Hamilton, Military Governor of Texas."

The citizens of Fredericksburg who were arrested by the Federals as "hostages," are, we see it stated to be sent to Fort Delaware, except Messrs. Knox and Bradley, who have been released by an order of Secretary Stanton. The statement is doubted.

The State Committee of the "War Democrats" of New York, have come out in favor of Mr. Lincoln and the Administration. War Democrats from the Eastern and Western states attended this meeting, and united.

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday, a resolution was introduced declaring that no seceded State is entitled to representation on the floor of the Senate until it has been readmitted into the Union by a vote of both Houses. The joint resolution to amend the charter of the City of Washington so as to allow negroes to vote, was debated. The consideration of the Internal Revenue bill was continued until half past 4 o'clock, when a recess was taken.

The House of Representatives was occupied with the consideration of the contested election case of the Second district of Kentucky.

A number of cows, grazing near Battery Rogers, were taken up, yesterday, by military order, and sent to the Provost Marshal's office, from whence they were ordered to the pen at the government slaughter house. Quite a scene ensued among the owners when the seizure of the cows was known, and all interested busied themselves in having their property restored. After explanations, the cows were returned to their owners, and the excitement subsided. The grass on the commons around the town now is excellent, and if the cows have to be kept up, hereafter, it will be a serious loss and disadvantage to those who own them, and supply milk to many families.

When the Confederates, this week, burned the warehouses at Fairfax Station, built by the Federal troops, they captured at the same time a Surgeon, and his attendant and some horses. The attendant they afterwards released. The Confederates have also burned the block houses recently erected at Burke's Station, and the Federal troops have withdrawn to Edsall's Station.

The Washington correspondents of the New York papers, one day this week, telegraphed that at a Cabinet Council, Mr. Chase had denounced "arbitrary arrests" as impolitic and unlawful; and the next day, telegraphed that no such Council had been held and that Mr. Chase had uttered no such sentiments. No one knows what to believe in most of the New York papers, especially the news they profess to have from Washington.

On the 22d instant the body of a white man was found in the Potomac river near Clifton, in Charles county, Md. Deceased was a man supposed to be about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, with sandy hair and red beard. From a due bill found on his person, signed by Daniel Shanks, it is supposed his name was Lewis Owens, of St. Mary's county, Md.

The "Union" State Convention of Kentucky has declared in favor of Mr. Lincoln, the "Democratic" State Convention of the same state in favor of Gen. McClellan.

On Thursday evening, the Washington Star says, one of the U. S. gunboats was lying off Aquia creek, burning the buildings there recently erected.